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## Germany

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#### AI update: Two more cases on small non-commercial poultry operations

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**Report Highlights:**

On December 21 and 25, 2007, two more cases of High Pathogen Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 were confirmed on small non-commercial holdings with 30 and 15 chickens, respectively. Both incidents occurred in the state of Brandenburg (North-East Germany). The source of the infection is still under determination. We do not expect these incidents to have an effect on the Germany poultry market.

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Two more cases of High Pathogen Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 were confirmed on December 21 and 25, 2007, respectively. The previous case had been reported on December 14, 2007 (for details see GM7059). Like the December 14 incident, these two new cases also occurred on small hobby holdings. The incident on December 21 pertained to a hobby holding of 30 chickens in Bensdorf (90 km west of Berlin). The detection on December 25 occurred in Heiligengrabe (120 km north of Berlin) on a hobby farm with 15 chickens. In both cases all animals on the holdings have been destroyed and protection and surveillance zones<sup>1</sup> have been established.

The source of infection is still under investigation.

Since all three incidents occurred in small hobby holdings and taking into account the limited and neutral press coverage, we do not expect any significant impact on the German poultry consumption.

**Table1: Geographical distribution of confirmed HPAI (H5N1) cases in domesticated poultry in Germany in 2007 (as of December 25, 2007).**

State	Date	Deceased	Size of Destroyed Flock*	Species
Brandenburg	December 25	4	15	chicken
Brandenburg	December 21	?	30	Chicken
Brandenburg	December 14	10	11	Laying hens
Bavaria	September 10	0	170856	ducks
Bavaria	August 8	4000	169857	ducks
Thuringia	July 5	1	10	geese/ducks

\*including deceased animals

For an overview on the situation in wild birds please refer to report GM7055.

For key facts on the poultry sector in Germany please refer to report GM7059

#### Related reports:

Report		Title	Date released
GM7059	Germany	AI update: New case on non-commercial poultry operation <a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293315.pdf">http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293315.pdf</a>	12/19/2007
GM7055	Germany	AI update <a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293256.pdf">http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293256.pdf</a>	12/12/2007
GM7040	Germany	AI: Outbreak in Commercial Duck Farm	08/27/2007
GM7030	Germany	AI update: Total Number Rises to 240 Wild Birds, One Goose on Backyard Farm	07/13/2007

<sup>1</sup> As a result of a reported suspected HPAI case, routinely, a 3 km protection zone is established for 21 days and a 10 km surveillance zone for 30 days. In the protection zone

- transport of birds, poultry and poultry meat is prohibited,
- birds and poultry have to be kept indoors,
- commercial poultry farms may only be entered by farm personnel and vets,
- mats with disinfectants have to be placed at the entrances and exits of poultry holdings,

and

- cats and dogs are prohibited from roaming freely.

GM7025	Germany	AI Re-Appears in Wild Birds	06/25/2007
GM6015	Germany	AI confirmed in a Commercial Poultry Farm - Consumer Reaction Limited	04/07/2006
GM6011	Germany	AI Update: AI confirmed in cats and suspected in a beech marten	03/10/2006
GM6008	Germany	AI update: 127 cases in wild birds none in domestic poultry	03/02/2006
GM6007	Germany	AI among wild birds reaches German mainland	02/21/2006
GM6005	Germany	AI Confirmed in Two Dead Swans in Northern Germany	02/16/2006
GM5042	Germany	Avian Influenza Update: Free Range Chicken Allowed Outside Again	12/19/2005
GM5035	Germany	AI-Threat: German Poultry Must Stay Inside - But Only in Certain Regions	09/12/2005
E47061	EU-27	Poultry And Products Annual Report	07/20/2007

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